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The Examiner cites, but does not apply, several references.

Applicant has no further comments.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested. Favorable consideration and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should any points remain prior to issuance of a Notice of Allowance, Applicant requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE

I hereby certify that the foregoing AMENDMENT A for U.S. Application No. 10/019,422 filed December 20, 2001, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, addressed: Attn: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on January 15, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.

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